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Wayne council members choose new city manager

Wayne City Council members have chosen Diane Webb as the new city manager.

Webb was selected by a four to three vote of the councilmembers with Mayor John Rhaesa, Mayor Pro Tem Alfred Brock and Councilman Donald Quarles casting the dissenting votes.

Webb told the councilmembers she was looking forward to the new position and that she planned to meet with each of them.

Currently, Webb is the township supervisor in Redford Township. She has served elected terms on the Garden City City Council and the Wayne County Commission.

Despite his negative vote, Rhaesa told Webb he thought she would "do great."

"I want the council to be working with the city manager. Our job is to make you successful and our community successful,' Rhaesa said at the Dec. 19 meeting.

Councilmembers expressed their gratitude to Wayne Police Chief Ryan Strong, who's been interim manager since the abrupt resignation of former city Manager Lisa Nocerini. Strong was one of four final candidates under consideration for the job.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to work with you and move this community forward," Webb said.

Final candidates for the job, in addition to Webb and Strong, were Mohamed Ayoub and Ken Marten.

Webb will replace Lisa Nocerini, who abruptly resigned in August to take a city manager job near Grand Rapids. Nocerini is a named defendant in an ongoing federal case brought by Mark Blackwell, a city critic who claims Nocerini and other city officials violated his First Amendment rights and falsely accused him of a misdemeanor during a police chief hiring process in 2019.

Multiple council members and city department heads openly supported Strong for the position. He has been serving as interim city manager since Nocerini resigned. He has been with the police department for more than 20 years.

A motion by Councilman Mathew Mulholland to hire Marten failed for lack of a support motion during the meeting.

Mulholland then voted in favor of naming Webb.

Diane Webb

"I'm excited to see what the City of Wayne can do with a city manager from outside who gives us a breath of fresh air,'' Mulholland said.

Sweeping victory

6th Annual Curling Royale tournament set for Jan. 20 in Romulus

One of the 'coolest' events in Romulus will return Jan. 20.

The 6th Annual Curling Royale event will begin at 3 p.m. at Mary Ann Banks Park Jan. 20 and team registrations are now being accepted.

Curling is a sport in which players slide stones on a sheet of ice toward a target area which is segmented into four concentric circles. The sport, growing in popularity, is related to shuffleboard. Two teams, each with four players, take turns sliding heavy, polished granite stones, also called rocks, across the ice curling sheet toward the house, a circular target marked on the ice. Each team has eight stones, with each player sliding two.

Previous Curling Royale District R tournaments brought out multiple local teams who swept their way to victory or had a great time participating in the event.

The player can induce a curved path, described as curl, by causing the stone to slowly rotate as it slides. The path of the rock may be further influenced by two sweepers with brooms or brushes, who accompany it as it slides down the sheet and sweep the ice in front of the stone. "Sweeping a rock" decreases the friction, which makes the stone travel a straighter path (with less curl) and a longer distance. A great deal of strategy and teamwork go into choosing the ideal path and placement of a stone for each situation, and the skills of the curlers determine the degree to which the stone will achieve the desired result, expert players explained. The purpose is to accumulate the highest score for a game; points are scored for the stones resting closest to the center of the house at the conclusion of each end, which is completed when both teams have thrown all of their stones once. A game usually consists of eight or 10 ends.

Romulus is accepting registrations from four-person teams. Officials said registration is not required, but is recommended. On site registration will begin at 2 p.m. The entry fee is $100 or $25 per player. Officials stressed that all the proceeds from the

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Plymouth

City readies for 2024 Plymouth Ice Festival

One of the most highly anticipated events of the year, the 2024 Plymouth Ice Festival, presented by Michigan First Credit Union, is set to transform downtown Plymouth into a winter wonderland, organizers said. This year, Michigan First Credit Union will be the presenting sponsor of the event which annually draws nearly 20,000 visitors into downtown Plymouth.

Highlights of the event this year will feature the stars of the event, the spectacular ice sculptures. Producer James Gietzen of JAG Entertainment said smaller sculptures will be displayed at local businesses while the larger artworks will be installed at Kellogg Park.

Again this year, the Ice Throne is expected to be the setting for hundreds of family photos. Visitors will feel like Ice Festival royalty as they take a seat atop the unique Ice Throne. This activity has been a tradition for many families, as they return for that picture every year, Gietzen said.

Another traditional attraction at the festival will be the Hot Spot located in The Gathering across from Kellogg Park. Each year, Ehlers Heating and Cooling provides the warmth at the site which features local vendors, businesses, product demonstrations, a sitting area to allow for a respite from sculpture viewing. The Hot Spot is open during official hours of the festival.

Returning this year is the popular Petting Farm, also presented by Michigan First Credit Union.

Carousel Acres will be offering a hands-on experience with horses, donkeys, goats, sheep, an alpaca and even a baby calf. This activity is a top attraction for children, or those young at heart. This year, the Petting Farm will also feature pony rides. The Petting Farm will be open from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

And back by popular demand is the Tubing Run. The Plymouth Ice Festival tubing run features more than 100 feet of tubing excitement and fun for the whole family, Gietzen said. The Tubing Run will be open from 6 until 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2; from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 and from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 4.

Another traditional attraction at the annual event will be the Party Lot and Ice Bar located at E.G. Nicks restaurant located at 500 Forest Ave. The Ice Bar in front of the popular restaurant will be open all three days of the festival. The Party Lot in the back parking lot will feature music and dancing from Ava James and The Rumors on Friday, Feb. 3 and music from Power Play Detroit on Saturday, Feb. 4.

Festival visitors usually can't resist the fresh roasted almonds, elephant ears and mini donuts available at the food booths and wagons. The event also features a Polish food booth inside the Hotspot warming station. In addition, all the restaurants in the downtown area will be offering some of their best menu items during the festival.

The popular Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Bingo game will also return this year. Visitors can stop in participating businesses and collect enough stickers to get a bingo on their playing card which then makes them eligible for a special prize from The Plymouth DDA.

This year, the Plymouth Ice Festival is set for 5 until 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3 and from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 4.

For more information, visit www.plymouthicefest.com or on social media @PlymouthIce Festival.

Park rentals begin

Plymouth Township officials will begin accepting reservations for the township park next Tuesday, Jan. 9.

Township residents can reserve a park shelter or pavilion for the 2024 summer season which continues from May through September. Reservations can be made in person from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Department of Public Services counter on the 2nd floor of Plymouth Township Hall.

The Jan. 9 sign-in at Township Hall will begin at 7 a.m., with reservations beginning promptly at 8 a.m. when the office opens. Officials said in the past, there has been a line of registrants throughout the building.

To reserve a feature of township park after Jan. 9, residents should phone the park reservation office between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. to check availability. All reservations must be made in person at Plymouth Township Hall. Park reservations for non-residents can be made beginning Monday, April 1.

Complete details concerning new reservation procedures can be found at https://www.plymouthtwp.org/.../parks_and.../index.php.

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CANTON

Township fire department accepting applications

With the new year comes the opportunity for a new career.

Currently, Canton Township is accepting applications from qualified individuals interested in joining the Canton Fire Department as a firefighter/medic.

According to a statement from the public safety department, there are multiple immediate vacancies to be filled. According to the department, the 2023 pay scale range included a starting annual wage of $52,716. That increases, by union contract to $63,790 the second year, $71,654 the third year of employment, $79,512 the fourth year and $87,375 the fifth year.

Applications will be accepted until all open positions are filled, officials said.

A newly hired employee may be eligible for an increased wage above the first-year level based on previous firefighting experience, with a fully paid full-time department.

More information about the Canton Township Fire Department, including the application process is available on the Canton Public Safety website at:

https://www.canton-mi.org/.../Become-a-Canton-Firefighter...

The Canton Township career page is available at: https://www.applicantpro.com/openings/canton/jobs where the complete job description, job posting, hiring process and online application are available.

More information is available from Amanda Canute in the township human resources department at (734) 394-5118.

Canute can help provide information regarding the firefighter/medic job posting or selection process, township officials said.

Ford Road reconstruction project set to begin

Drivers using Ford Road next year will find a long-sought construction effort under way in response to the exceptional number of reported vehicle crashes along the highly trafficked roadway.

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials revealed the construction timeline of the recently approved project which will include the temporary widening along Ford Road. Officials said the construction was prompted by the number of crashes at Ford Road intersections which exceed the Michigan average by as much as 186 percent in some areas. While officials refused to set an exact date for construction to begin, they announced the project would begin "in early 2024."

"During peak driving times, this heavily travelled road registers some 40,000+ vehicles, entering and exiting businesses along the corridor. All of this activity creates potential conflict points that lead to crashes and significant travel delays," MDOT officials said in a prepared announcement of the plan.

> *Canton Township officials have been seeking a better traffic solution along Ford Road since 2012 .*

Data for a three-year period from July 1, 2016 to July 1, 2019, at several intersections, reported crashes at Lilley Road and Ford at 262 percent over average and at 186 percent over average at Ford and Canton Center Road. The data was prepared by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

State officials said the 2.27 mile section of Ford Road will be reconstructed and both eastbound and westbound Ford Road traffic will be separated by a boulevard with at least two through lanes in each direction. The center turn lane will be eliminated and crossovers will be added. There will be no left turns allowed off Ford Road when the reconstruction is complete. Rather, several dedicated passenger vehicle/truck turnarounds will be added, officials said, and traffic signals will be added.

In addition, continuous ADA-certified sidewalks will be constructed on both sides of the road.

Canton Township officials have been seeking a better traffic solution along Ford Road since 2012 when they hosted the first public meeting for the community to make the case for safety improvements on the road. The Traffic and Environmental Study highlighted crash data, noise and other factors in the area bordered by Sheldon, Warren, Lotz, and Cherry Hill roads, officials said.

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Romulus - Sumpter

Finally gone

The demolition of the former RJs Party Store marked the end of more than four years of effort by members of the Romulus Building and Ordinance department, officials noted in a social media post. The previous owner of the property failed to make any attempt to improve the blighted site, officials said. After years of legal wrangling and maneuvering, the owners were forced to sell the site to a new owner "who sees the value of this site and shares our vision of a better Romulus." Officials said the determination of the city departments to improve the community resulted in the removal of the building across from Romulus High School. “The message has been sent to property owners who live in communities other than ours and think we deserve less. Its time to reinvest in Romulus, or sell to someone who shares our vision,” the social media post concluded.

Sumpter Township man sentenced in plot to kidnap governor

A Sumpter Township man will spend 3 to 20 years in prison for his part in a failed attempt to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

Shawn Michael Fix, 41, entered a guilty plea to involvement in the kidnap plot along with a co-defendant, Brian Higgins who was sentenced to 36 months on probation for his part in the plan.

After nearly three years of legal wrangling, the pair admitted to providing material support to an act of terrorism by helping to locate and surveil the governor's vacation home as part of the 2020 plan to kidnap Whitmer.

> *During a sentencing hearing Dec. 7 t he pair apologized to Whitmer prior to hearing their respective sentences.*

During a sentencing hearing Dec. 7 before Antrim County Circuit Court Judge Charles Hamlyn, the pair apologized to Whitmer prior to hearing their respective sentences.

Higgins attorney, Michael Naughton of Traverse City, told the court in a sentencing memorandum that Higgins has suffered multiple mental breakdowns while the legal proceedings advanced through the court system and had attempted suicide on multiple occasions. Fix had been incarcerated for 217 days.

Hamlyn said Higgins' probation will focus specifically on mental health and trauma.

The judge said the actions of Fix implied he wanted to be involved in the plot, including hosting meetings at his rural Sumpter home and participating in military-style drills.

Three of Fix's and Higgins' co-defendants were found not guilty in the same court after a jury trial in September.

Romulus

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event will help fund the Veteran's Outreach Scholarship program. Checks should be made payable to VFW Post #78.

Organizers said there are limited spots available this year. Registration is available at https://www.romulusgov.com/.../6th-Annual-Curling-Royale-108 or by calling (734) 942-7545.

This event is weather permitting. The backup date is set for Saturday, Jan. 27.

No experience is necessary for this event, and snacks and refreshments are available for purchase. A special Happy Hour is planned at Artisan Reserve following the tournament.

Mary Ann Banks Park is located at 37200 Goddard Road, Romulus, MI 48174. The event welcomes spectators.

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ROOF REPLACEMENTS - HERITAGE PARK STORAGE GARAGE & SOUTH RESTROOM BUILDING

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High school to establish new Memorial Wall

Wayne Memorial High School may soon include a tribute to servicemen and women who have graduated from the school.

Currently, donations are being sought to build a memorial wall to be prominently displayed at the entrance to the school. The display would include the name, rank and brief information about the serviceman or woman who served in the U.S. military.

Estimated costs for the installation of the memorial are $40,000 and would include construction, artwork, plaques, an interactive display, a software data package for digital storage and website viewing. The project would also include the development of educational materials and contributions to support local veterans.

Dr. Adrienne J. Nathan, Director of Community Partnerships and Outreach at Wayne Westland Community Schools, has spearheaded this initiative and is seeking assistance to secure the necessary funds, according to a Facebook posting. Supporters said details of the project have been thoroughly considered and that they are "enthusiastic about the potential impact of the memorial wall."

> *The display would include the name, rank and brief information about the serviceman or woman who served in the U.S. military.*

Nathan is planning to release a brief video about the project in the upcoming weeks, according to the social media post announcing the fund drive. All donations to the Wall of Honor project are deductible, according to organizers.

To contribute, include class year information in the "note" section when donating at: https://square.link/u/4LvcOVpk.

X-men

Group looks toward progress at Malcolm X home in Inkster

A decades-long effort to save a historical site in Inkster may see significant progress this year.

Aaron Sims, one of the driving forces behind the move to save and refurbish an Inkster home briefly occupied by Malcolm X, said he is hoping for more progress in the restoration this year. Sims, along with a dedicated cadre of volunteers, has been working for more than a decade to acquire the Williams Street home and property.

According to city and historic records, Malcolm X lived in the home with his brother and his brother's family from 1952 until 1953, during his civil right efforts in Detroit. Sims and the other members of the group hope to turn the house into a historic landmark and a museum where other items belonging the Malcolm X can be seen. Sims said one of the group, Chris Webber, owns the suit Malcolm X was wearing when he was shot, and the group hopes to have that as one of the exhibits, according to Dawom Lynn, another member of the group determined to complete the restoration.

Sims said he is hoping the home and property on the street will become a reminder of the significance of Inkster and the area in the Civil Rights movement.

To date, the driveway at the old home has been repaved, a new porch and sidewalk added and electrical repairs completed. The men have plans to restore the entire home, including the upstairs bedroom where Malcolm X slept. One of their plans includes having volunteers and members of the public sign the interior framework of the walls before they are finished.

According to city and historic records, Malcolm X lived in the home with his brother and his brother's family from 1952 until 1953,

Sims said he is hoping for more progress on the effort to preserve part of the history of the Civil Rights movement this year and have the work complete by this summer.

Lynn said the group is hoping to turn the home into a reminder of the history of the nation. He added that the home is something "that shouldn't have been left out of history."

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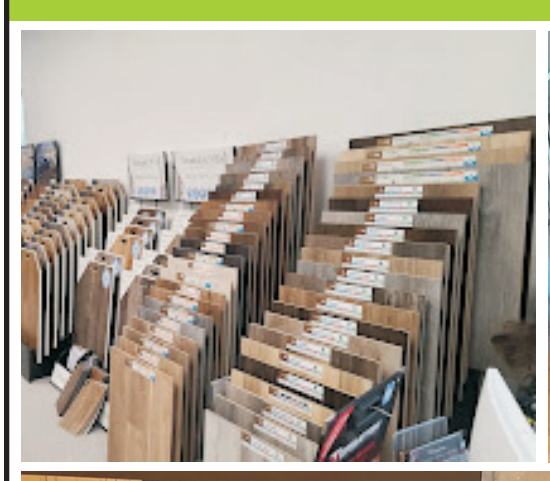

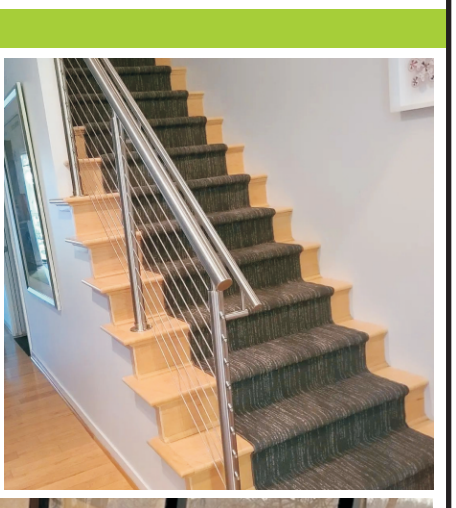

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School board members reject proposed layoffs

Members of the Wayne Westland Board of Education unanimously rejected Superintendent of Schools John Dignan's suggested staffing cuts during their Dec. 21 meeting.

The staffing cuts and layoffs were proposed in response to the abrupt discovery of a $17 million deficit in the school district budget. Board members and administrators believed the district was operating with a strong positive balance rather than the huge deficit. The deficit was discovered during a routine audit of district finances.

The rumored layoffs were criticized and protested on social media and several union leaders suggested the move would be an unfair labor practice in violation of current employment contracts. Parents also protested any layoffs of staff during a Dec. 18 meeting of the board members. Jobs suggested for layoff included administrative positions and roles such as social workers, student monitors and custodians, according to the board members' meeting packets.

Applause from the audience followed the board rejection of the proposal.

Dignan cautioned the board members that payroll is one of the largest costs in the district and said he believed the district could save money with some staffing adjustments. Dignan already reassigned and reclassified several employees in an attempt to cut costs. That realignment could result in some grant funding, officials said.

Dignan and district administrators have not confirmed the $17 million deficit but note that cost cutting will be necessary to put the district on a sound financial footing.

He has repeatedly said members of the community will have input into those cost cutting measures at focus groups and school board meetings.

Free waste drop off center is now open

Residents of Northville Township and the City of Northville now have access to a free new Household Hazardous Waste drop-off center, which opened Oct. 3.

Operated by Washtenaw County in collaboration with GFL Environmental, the facility is located in the Arbor Hills complex at 10843 W. Five Mile Road, just west of Napier Road.

The 2,400-square-foot HHW Center is open for residents by appointment only Tuesday-Friday.

To make an appointment or find a list of acceptable materials, visit HomeToxicsCenter.org.

The hazardous materials may only come from residential sources rather than businesses, organizations or government entities.

The HHW Center is one of the improvements Arbor Hills Landfill in Salem Township agreed to make as part of a lawsuit settlement with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE).

This facility will be available for free for 10 years to residents of Northville Township and the City of Northville. Arbor Hills, now owned by GFL Environmental, constructed the facility and is paying Washtenaw County $75,000 annually for staffing.

Season of giving

Northville Township Police officers collected toys to be distributed to deserving children and families during the holiday season. Officers agreed it has been a "heartwarming experience." Officers posted a thank you to everyone who donated and to the township hall staff members who helped make the initiative such a success. The Northville Shop with a Cop event took place last week, along with the personal delivery of the toys and gifts to homes in the community.

Police patrols increased at old hospital

Anyone contemplating a visit to the deteriorating and abandoned state psychiatric hospital on Seven Mile Road in Northville has been warned that visiting the site could well result in an expensive citation for trespassing.

The Northville Township Police Department has significantly increased patrols near the property in an effort to ensure the safety of those attempting to visit the site, officials said.

The township recently installed a 24-hour security system to help prevent trespassing and vandalism.

Police officials cautioned that trespassers will be ticketed and that the area does include multiple hazards.

"Let's all work together to keep our neighborhood secure and peaceful," officials said.

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